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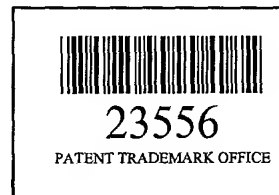
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**Dear Sir:**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

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2. A Specification having a total of 51 pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and forty-seven (47) claims.
3. Eight (8) sheets of drawings.
4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. And, if indicated:
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  - ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.
  - ☐ A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2) (B)(i).



Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and/or 35 U.S.C. 119(e), Applicants hereby claim priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/272,548 entitled "A Pre-Fastened Absorbent Article Having Improved Fit and Fastening Features" and filed on March 1, 2001, in the names of Gary Lee Travis, et al. (Docket No. 15,075).

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